

Meeting Summary
SEAP/ Monitoring Committee
04/14/06 10:00 AM (conference call)

Attendance

Present: Kent Kolaga, Cathy Einhorn, Barbara Scheidegger, and Dorothy Parks

Absent: Mike Hanrahan, Pam walls, Mary Kay Savage, and Ken Southwick

Kent Kolaga reported Mary Kay Savage was unable to participate in today's conference call due to a schedule conflict. He also reported Pam Walls notified Lina Browner that her husband was called to medical procedures at the last minute this morning and would not be able to participate.

AGENDA ITEMS

Annual Report - Due Process and Child Complaint (December)

Due Process Data: The committee agrees rigid definitions be set for each resolution - dismissal, Hearing Decision, Mediation Successful-Withdrawn, Parties Settled, and Withdrawn be set and adhered to rigorously. The number of the possible resolutions along with those consolidated and pending should equal the number of requests received. If not, there should be an explanation of why they fall outside the established categories. The committee remains concerned about the large number of requests withdrawn and the time between request and resolution. As reported from its 01/06/06 meeting, the committee believes expedited hearings should be reported separately.

Child Complaint Data: The committee believes that DESE presently collects and can report sufficient and accurate data regarding number of allegations, number and percent of compliance/noncompliance findings, and categories of allegations. This data should be provided in the annual report with the latter provided in broader categories - Referral, Evaluation/Reevaluation, Eligibility determination, IEP, Placement, Special Education and Related Services, Provision of Notice, Parent Consent, Parent Participation, ESY, Personnel, Transition, FERPA, Discipline, IEE, Transfer Procedures, Due Process, Provision of Procedural Safeguards, and Other. If more detail is desired, it can be provided as a supplement.

Child Complaint Satisfaction Survey (FR#12): At the 02/17/06 meeting of the SEAP, FR#12 was adopted and DESE has responded that it will await the final results of the survey, then determine if a sufficient number of parent responses have been received to judge the effort broad enough.

Focused Monitoring: DESE has yet to report on any new developments regarding Focused Monitoring since the 02/17/06 SEAP meeting where it reported having to redesign the process after a stakeholders meeting on 02/01/06. Therefore, the committee is awaiting any further consideration of this issue.

Other: Dorothy Parks advised the committee that she will not be able to attend the 04/20/06 meeting of the SEAP due to work duties. Kent Kolaga reported that Mike Hanrahan advised that he may not be able to attend the 04/20/06 meeting of the SEAP due to family needs.

The meeting was adjourned.